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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ENTRY INTO UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP

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1. IN THE LIGHT OF IMPLICATIONS FOR US IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN NOTE (REFTEL) SEEKING SUPPORT IN 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CANADA INTO UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE A READING FROM BOTH OTTAWA AND PARIS OF RESULTS THUS FAR IN THIS EFFORT.

2. WHILE WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY ASKING THE CANADIANS TO "FRY OUR FISH" FOR US, DEPT SUGGESTS OTTAWA SHOULD TAKE OCCASION FOR EMPHASIZING TO EXTAFF THE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO ITS (US), ALONG WITH CANADA'S, PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. A SITUATION WHERE THE US WAS EXCLUDED FROM
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MEMBERSHIP INAREGIONAL GROUP COULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES

FOR US MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO ITSELF, GIVEN THE HEAVY US INVOLVEMENT IN THE FINANCING AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION OF UNESCO.

3. WE APPRECIATE EXTAFF UNESCO OFFICER GORN'S INTEREST (REFTEL) IN DEFERRING US-CANADIAN TALKS ON THIS MATTER UNTIL AFTER 94EXBD BUT WE DO SEE ADVANTAGE OF TAKING OPPORTUNITY OF EXBD MEETING IN PARIS FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION BY DEPT AND EXTAFF OFFICIALS, ALONG WITH

RESPECTIVE PERMDELS, DISCUSS REGIONAL GROUP POSSIBLE STRATEGIES WHILE BOARD IN SESSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF GORN OR ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES CONVERSANT WITH THIS MATTER EXPECT ATTEND 94EXBD. RUSH

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